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CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS publish this week "The Viking Age," by Paul B. Du Chaillu. This work is the product of many years of incessant labor in the collection and arrangement of facts which throw a flood of light upon the character of the progenitors of the English-speaking race. Recent researches have made it clear that those Northmen who at the decadence of the Roman Empire overran and settled in Britain and the Northern coast of Germany and France, were not barbarians, as has long been erroneously supposed, but a most highly civilized and accomplished people. Vast quantities of objects, including arms and armor, gold and silver ornaments of the most skilful workmanship and refined beauty; wood-carving, filigree work, agricultural and domestic implements, magnificent carriages, etc., have been unearthed. The work is in two octavo volumes, and contains 1400 illustrations.

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Alcott, Louisa M. Lulu's library. V. 3. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 3–258 p. il. and por. S. cl., $1.

Contents: Recollections of my childhood; A Christmas turkey and how it came; The silver party; The blind lark; Music and macaroni; The little red purse; Sophie's secret; Dolly's bedstead; Trudel's siege.

Aldrich, Herbert L. Arctic Alaska and Siberia; or, eight months with the Arctic whalemen. N. Y. and Chic., Rand, McNally & Co., 1889. c. 5–234 p. map and il. D. cl., $2.

Sketches of whaling and whaling adventure in a region practically unexplored by descriptive writers. The chapters are entitled Icing in Behring Sea; Among the Siberian Eskimo; Along the shores of Nakoorukland; Whaling; From Point Barrow, home; The Nakooruks; Some typical experiences.

Ames, Lucia True. Memoirs of a millionaire. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889. c. 5+325 p. D. cl., $1.25.

From Miss Ames' preface one is led to suppose that this is the biography of a real woman—a wealthy philanthropist recently dead, whose name she withholds. The heroine of this volume, Mildred Brewster, unexpectedly inherits in her twenty-sixth year a fortune of thirty millions. The remainder of the book, after this fact is explained, is devoted to her charitable schemes for spending the money, anecdotes illustrating her intelligence and independence, and the author's own views upon the responsibility of wealth. Many of the leading religious, social, and political questions of the day are discussed broadly and intelligently, and many suggestions offered as to the best ways of helping the needy.

Appeal (An) to Pharaoh: the negro problem and its radical solution. N. Y., Fords, Howard & Hulbert, 1889. c. 4+205 p. D. cl., $1.

Though the war has long been ended, and the negro freed, the North and South are still disunited. The author starts from these premises. The negro, he insists, is the cause. He reviews his past and present, points out his opportunities, and shows how he has failed to realize the expectations his best wishers have had for him. The prejudice against him which is not dispelled even when he is improved by education, is a natural race-prejudice, the writer believes, which nothing can ever remove. He is not dying out, but increasing at a rate that already makes him a dominant factor in many Southern States. If permitted to exercise the political rights the late war secured him, the result, he believes, would be another civil war. He is no apologist of slavery, but he does not want the negro in this country. His remedy is a wholesale exportation by the government of the negro race to Africa or some other country.

Arnold, Matthew. Sweetness and light. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. 76 p. 1 il. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 6.) full mor., 75 c.

A new series of tiny books is begun under the general title of "Literary gems." It comprises classics in various departments of literature, the volumes being little gems in typography, printing, paper, and binding. Each book contains an etching. *See* Brown, Curtis, Drake, Goldsmith, and Poe.

***Atwater's** (J.) American farmer's figurer: tables on: butter, broom corn, beans, boards, car corn, shelled corn, crib corn, cattle, creamery, coal, compound interest, etc., etc. Milwaukee, Wis., C. N. Caspar, 1889. 190 p. D. cl., 75 c.

Ballou, Maturin M. The new Eldorado: a summer journey to Alaska. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889. c. 12+352 p. D. cl., $1.50.

The great mineral wealth of Alaska and its many mining interests warrants the title of "The new Eldorado" the author bestows upon it. He made the westward trip from Boston to Sitka, the capital of the Territory, by the Northern Pacific Railroad to Tacoma, on Puget Sound, where the remarkable inland sea voyage begins, thence sailing north to Pyramid Harbor, and Glacier Bay, stopping at the intermediate places of interest. On the homeward passage, to vary the journey and to enjoy the wild scenery of British Columbia, Alberta, Assiniboia, and Manitoba, he left the steamer at Vancouver, returning by the Canadian Pacific Railway. He offers a very interesting account of Alaska, its marvellous wealth in gold, furs, fisheries, coal, and timber; its great rivers and glacial marvels, and the peculiarities of the native race, their manners, domestic usages, and superstitions.

Bancroft, G: Martin Van Buren; to the end of his public career. N. Y., Harper, 1889. c. 5+239 p. O. cl., $1.50.

"The manuscript was seen by Van Buren, who pronounced it, as a record of facts relating to himself, authentic and true. At the time of its preparation the public mind was grievously agitated by party divisions on public affairs and on public men; the manuscript was therefore put aside for publication in times more favorable to a fairness of judgment on the character and career of Van Buren. In my recent revision of the original manuscript I have made no change that could affect Van Buren's approval of it as thoroughly correct." —*Preface.*

Belloy, *Marquis de.* Christopher Columbus, and the discovery of the new world; from the French; il. by Léopold Flameng and others. *New ed.* Phil., Gebbie & Co., 1889. 462 p. por. O. cl., $3.

This work, published in Paris about twelve years ago, was written for the instruction and entertainment of a youth, the Marquis' nephew, in an easy, simple style, and immediately took rank as one of the modern French classics. It has been translated into every modern European language. The illustrations, which are many, consist of photogravures of woodcuts and etchings.

Björnström, F:, *M.D.* Hypnotism: its history and present development; authorized tr. from the 2d Swedish ed., by Baron Nils Posse. N. Y., The Humboldt Pub. Co., [1889.] c. tr. 2+126 p. O. (Humboldt lib., no. 113.) pap., 30 c.

Bourinot, J: G. Federal government in Canada. Balt., Md., N. Murray, Agt., Johns Hopkins Univ., 1889. c. 172 p. O. (Johns Hopkins univ. studies, 7th ser., nos. 10, 11, 12.) pap., $1.

Four lectures: Historical outline of political development; General features of the federal system; The government and the parliament; The provincial governments and legislatures.

Brown, J: *M.D.* Rab and his friends; [*also,*] Majorie Fleming. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. 4+108 p. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 2.) full mor., 75 c.

***Bullard,** Phebe Consalus. Earl Stimson: a novel. N. Y., American News Co., 1889. D. pap., 50 c.

Burt, Mary E. Literary landmarks: a guide to good reading for young people, and teachers'

In this list, the titles generally are verbatim transcriptions (according to the rule of the American Library Association) from books received.* ***Books not received* *are indicated by a prefixed asterisk and this office cannot be held responsible for the correctness of their record.*

assistant. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889. c. 8+152 p. S. cl., 75 c.

Six essays on children's reading, by the teacher of literature in the Cook County Normal School, Englewood, Ill. They are entitled: Theories of children's reading; Reading which does not deal with totals—epigrammatic literature; Works on the creative imagination; Scientific and geographical reading, books of travel; History and biography; Utilitarian literature, books of reference, miscellaneous. The essays are very suggestive and rich in practical information relative to suitable reading for young people of various ages. A number of plans for reading for different grades are given, and a list of the books referred to in the body of the book, with price and publisher.

Campbell, Ja. M. Unto the uttermost. N. Y., Fords, Howard & Hulbert, 1889. c. 2+254 p. D. cl., $1.25.

The sum of this author's utterance is given in his own words: "That the rainbow of divine propitiousness overarches every life; that this redeemed earth is, to all who dwell upon it, the footstool of mercy; that plenitude of redeeming power has, by the hand of the Crucified, been lodged in the world's heart; that divine grace is mightier than human sin; that beneath the vilest sinner the ever-present Christ puts the saving strength of his atoning love to lift him up into the sunlight of pardon and purity; that the line of limitation in human redemption is drawn by man himself, not by God; that all sin involves eternal loss, all righteousness eternal gain."

Catherwood, Mary Hartwell. The romance of Dollard. N. Y., The Century Co., [1889.] c. 3+206 p. il. D. cl., $1.25.

The episode upon which this romance is based is one of the most notable ones in the history of Canada. Adam Dollard and his sixteen heroic followers are looked upon as the deliverers of New France from their relentless enemies, the Iroquois Indians. His life was sacrificed to his daring, and the anniversary of his death is to this day celebrated in Canada. The romance of his life, of which a noble French girl is the heroine, is a beautiful story, beautifully told. The chief personages of the tale were actual men and women two and a quarter centuries ago. The story appeared first as a serial in the *Century Magazine*.

Cheney, *Mrs.* Ednah D., *ed.* Louisa May Alcott, her life, letters, and journal. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 404 p. por. and il. S. cl., $1.50.

The simple trials and joys of Miss Alcott's young life, were confided to her journal; as she grew in years and fame she still continued to keep an account of the books she read, the people she met, the events of the family circle, the books or stories she was writing, her methods of writing them and the thoughts that were hers whilst at work. Later, during the war, she was an hospital nurse, and had in a brief time some exciting experiences. All these facts she describes herself, and Mrs. Cheney has quoted largely from letters and journals, connecting the material by a consecutive story full of love and sympathy for its subject. All the readers of "Little women" will desire to hear the details of the beautiful self-sacrificing life of their favorite author.

Coffin, C: Carleton. Redeeming the Republic: the third period of the War of the Rebellion in the year 1864. N. Y., Harper, 1890 [1889.] c. 11+478 p. il. O. cl., $3.

Presents a concise but authentic narrative of the leading military operations and events during the third period of the war, from the opening of the year 1864 to the close of its summer months. This period includes the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Resaca, Kenesaw, Mariette, and Atlanta. As in "Drum-beat of the nation" and "Marching to victory," the opening volumes of this series, the author has endeavored, as far as possible, to divest himself of prejudice, and to do justice to the bravery of the Confederate soldier, while at the same time he points out his mistakes and condemns them. The many illustrations are full of interest, the paper and print excellent.

Cone, Ada. Perspective: a series of elementary lectures. N. Y., W. T. Comstock, 23 Warren St., 1889. c. 3-62 p. il. D. cl., $1.

Simplicity and clearness are the principal characteristics of this treatment of a difficult subject to bring within the comprehension of young art students. The writer was Instructor in the Massachusetts State Art Schools; and Supervisor of Drawing in Concord, N. H., Public Schools, and Lecturer on Industrial Art to Teachers' Institutes; Pupil Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Conklin, *Mrs.* Nathaniel, [Jennie M. Drinkwater.] Marigold. N. Y., Rob. Carter & Bros., [1889.] c. 451 p. D. cl., $1.50.

The characters are typical New England ones. Nelly Morgan, reared on a farm up in the New Hampshire hills, is suddenly transplanted to a luxurious home. She has her ideas enlarged by Continental travel, but her mode of life is not wholly satisfactory. She tires of herself until she meets "Marigold" Henderson; to this charming girl Nelly attributes the change which enables her to keep her unruly spirit within bounds. Like all of Mrs. Conklin's books, there is a moral to be applied.

Constitutional history of the United States: as seen in the development of American law: a course of lectures before the Political Science Association of the University of Michigan. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. c. 296 p. D. cl., $2.50.

Contents: Introduction by Prof. H: Wade Rogers. Lecture 1, The Federal supreme court—its place in the American constitutional system, by T: M. Cooley; 2, Constitutional development of the United States as influenced by Chief Justice Marshall, by H: Hitchcock; 3, Constitutional development in the United States as influenced by Chief Justice Taney, by G: W. Biddle; 4, Constitutional development in the United States as influenced by the decisions of the supreme court since 1865, by C: A: Kent; 5, The state judiciary—its place in the American constitutional system, by Dan. H. Chamberlain.

***Cooper,** J. Fenimore. The leatherstocking tales. *New lib. ed.* 5 v. N. Y., F: Warne & Co., 1889. D. cl., $5.

***Cothran,** G: W. Assessors and collectors, being a full and complete statement of the law defining their powers, duties, and liabilities, and the remedies against them, with all needful forms. N. Y. and Alb., Banks & Bros., 1889. c. 8+559 p. O. shp., $3.50.

Crowninshield, Mary Bradford. Plucky Smalls: his story; il. by Frank T. Morrill. Bost., D. Lothrop Co., [1889.] c. 5-203 p. D. cl., $1.

Plucky Smalls is a street Arab, or "wharf rat," in New York, who has never known a home, or parents, or friends. He has a single companion, the Tinker, as he calls him, and the two live by picking up scraps of food anywhere and sleeping in boxes round the wharves. One day Plucky saves the life of a child who has fallen overboard from a vessel lying at the wharf, and its father, who is a naval officer, makes places for the two boys on board his ship. As naval apprentices they visit various parts of the world, and much of the book is taken up with the story of their adventures. It is a capital story, capitally told.

Crowquill, Alfred, *ed.*, [*pseud.* for Alfred H: Forrester.] The laughing philosopher in the middle of the nineteenth century. Phil., Gebbie & Co., 1889. 4+329 p. por. and il. S. cl., $1.25.

Amusing articles, with the comic designs of Leech, Cruikshank, and others, on the philosophy of physic, law, sleep, idleness, marriage, oratory, money, time, music, feelings, racing, smoking, drinking, fighting, and punning.

Curtis, G: Ticknor. Constitutional history of the United States from the declaration of independence to the close of their civil war. In 2 v., v. 1. N. Y., Harper, 1889. c. 12+774 p. O. cl., $3.

The first volume of this work contains the whole of Mr. Curtis' "History of the origin, formation, and adoption of the constitution of the United States, with notices of its principal framers," which was first published by this house more than thirty years ago. The first volume of the new work has its separate index. The author has carefully revised his former work on the formation and adoption of the constitution. The second volume, now in preparation, will have its own index, and will be divided into fourteen chapters. The author explains in his preface his reason for grouping together in these several chapters the topics to which they relate, instead of giving the constitutional history of the United States in a strictly chronological order. The period covered by the second volume is from the adoption of the constitution to the close of the civil war—three quarters of a century.

Curtis, G: W: Our best society. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. c. '56. 2+107 p. il. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 5.) full mor., 75 c.

Dall, W: Healey. A preliminary catalogue of the shell-bearing marine mollusks and brachiopods of the southeastern coast of the United States, with illustrations of many of the species. Wash., D. C., Government Printing Office, 1889. 220 p. pl. O. (Bulletin of U. S. National Museum, no. 37.) pap.

Darling, Flora Adams. A social diplomat. N. Y., Frank F. Lovell & Co., [1889.] c. 186 p. D. (American novelist ser., no. 1.) pap., 50 c.

Daudet, Alphonse. Wives of men of genius; tr., by E: Wakefield; with photogravure illustrations by Bieler, Myrbach, and Rossi. N. Y., Worthington Co., 1889. c. 224 p. D. (Worthington's international lib., no. 5.) cl., $1.25; pap., 75 c.

See notice under Daudet, Artists' wives, "Weekly Record," P. W., Sept. 28, '89, [922.]

De Garmo, C: The essentials of method: a discussion of the essential form of right methods of teaching: observation, generalization, application. Bost., D. C. Heath & Co., 1889. c. 119 p. D. cl., 50 c.

***Digest** (A) of all the reported American cases and selected English cases, with synopsis of statutes of general interest, reference to articles and essays in current law periodicals, and to text-books and other matters of value to the profession, contained in the official reports (etc.) from Jan. to July, 1889; eds. E. A. Jacob, [and others,] 1889. Pt. 1. N. Y., Digest Pub. Co., 1889. c. 24+2110 p. O. shp., $6.

***Dixon,** B. Homer. The border or riding clans: followed by a history of the Clan Dickson and a brief account of the family of the author. Albany, N. Y., Joel Munsell's Sons, 1889. 224 p. Q. cl., $5.

Drake, Jos. Rodman. The culprit fay. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. 137 p. 1 il. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 4.) full mor., 75 c.

***Dumas,** Alex. The Count of Monte Cristo; il. by E. H. Garrett. Bost., Little, Brown & Co., 1889. 4 v., D. cl., $6.

Dumas, Alex., *fils.* The lady with the camellias; a new tr., with a new preface by the author; il. by Albert Lynch. Phil., Gebbie & Co., 1889. 32+304 p. O. cl., $3.75.

The numerous beautiful designs of the French edition are reproduced by photogravure.

Edwards, H: Stillwell. Two runaways, and other stories; il. by E. W. Kemble. N. Y., The Century Co., [1889.] c. 6+246 p. D. cl., $1.50.

The author is one of the most popular of our magazine writers. These stories are already known to a wide circle of readers through the *Century Magazine* and *Harpers.* They aim to depict the better and brighter parts of the older negro character, and of some of the people whose lives touch or touched his. The "Two runaways" tells of an old negro of Georgia who periodically ran away. Once, when his master, Major Crawford Worthington, believed he was preparing for one of his annual flittings, he insisted upon going with him, and penetrating the secret of his flight. The story of their journey is most laughable, the climax being related in a masterly way. The other stories are: Elder Brown's backslide; An idyl of "Sinkin' Mount';" "Ole Miss" and "Sweetheart;" "Sister Todhunter's heart;" "De valley an' de shadder;" "Minc," a plot; "A born inventor;" "Tom's strategy." Negro superstitions are most amusingly illustrated in each story.

Gilman, J: Bradley. The kingdom of coins: a tale for children of all ages; il. by Frank T. Merrill. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 82 p. O. bds., 60 c.

Tommy, as he sits nodding on his own doorstep, is accosted by a queer old man, who tells him his name is Midas. Under Midas' care Tommy visits the Kingdom of Coins, and is shown all the wonders of this strange place. He makes the acquaintance of its inhabitants—the Pennies and Pounds—and hears some odd stories about them. He also visits the museum and finds there the Crooked Sixpence of the nursery rhymes, the twenty pieces of silver for which Joseph's brethren sold him, and other remarkable curiosities. The author's quaint wit is rather above the heads of very young children. The cover has a characteristic design of silver coins.

Goldsmith, Oliver. The good-natured man. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. 2+174 p. 1 il. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 3.) full mor., 75 c.

Gordon, W. J. The captain-general: being the story of the attempt of the Dutch to colonize New Holland. N. Y., F: Warne & Co., 1888. 12+304 p. map, D. cl., $1.25.

In or about 1628 an attempt was made by the Dutch to colonize New Holland; upon this fact the story is based; it tells of mutiny, piracy, bloodshed, how the office of "Captain-General" was created; of the downfall of this dignitary, and of the intervention of the English.

Grandma's rhymes and chimes for children. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 207 p. il. O. bds., $1.50.

A selection of new nursery poems, by such popular American authors as Kate Upson Clarke, Sydney Dayre, W. B. Oleson, Jennie Joy, Mrs. Clara Doty Bates, Emily Huntington Miller, and others. The illustrations are on every page—many being full page—and are designs from F. S. Church, E. H. Garrett, W. St. J. Harper, Irene E. Jerome, Maud Humphrey, F. T. Merrill, and others quite as well known.

***Gray,** J: Chipman. Selected cases and other authorities on the law of property. V. 3. Cambridge, Mass., C: W. Sever, 1889. c. 11+813 p. O. cl., $6.50.

Grier, J: A. Our silver coinage, and its relation to debts and the world-wide depression in prices; with an appendix noting events to August, 1889. 5*th ed.*, N. Y., Frank F. Lovell & Co., 1889. c. '85. 136 p. D. (Lovell's political and scientific ser., no. 2.) pap., 25 c.

Happy New Year (A) to you. Bost., Lee & Shepard, [1889.] c. no paging, il. obl. Fe. bds., 75 c.

A souvenir for the New Year; delicate designs and appropriate verses; on heavy ivory board, with rings, ribbons, and chain.

Harris, Joel Chandler, ("Uncle Remus," *pseud.*) Daddy Jake the runaway, and short stories told after dark. N. Y., The Century Co., [1889.] c. 3+145 p. il. Q. bds., $1.50.

Fourteen new "Uncle Remus" stories for children, humorously illustrated by E. W. Kemble. "Daddy Jake" was originally published as a serial in *St. Nicholas.* It tells of a slave who runs away because he is hit by an overseer; two of his master's little children take the boat, and go in search of him; they have some childish adventures, and hear some quaint stories. The other stories are mostly about animals—"Brer Rabbit" figuring in the majority of them.

Harris, W. S. The potter's wheel, and how it goes around: a complete description of the manufacture of pottery in America. Trenton, N. J., Burroughs & Mountford, [1889.] c. 64 p. il. O. pap., 25 c.

Heimburg, W., [*pseud.* for Bertha Behrens.] Lora: the major's daughter; tr. by Mrs. J. W. Davis. N. Y., Worthington Co., 1889. c. 325 p. il. D. (Worthington's international lib., no. 4.) cl., $1.25; pap., 75 c.

A study of family character. A young German officer, Rudolph von Tollen, sacrifices the comfort and happiness of his whole family to his selfish vices. His father and mother are reduced almost to beggary through his debts, and his sister Lora marries a man she despises that his money may be used in helping her brother out of a new scrape. Lora's husband turns out to be a man of no principle—another wife appearing upon the scene, after

Lora's wedded life has become unendurable to her. There are many other characters, taken from fashionable German society, and plenty of action and telling incidents.

***Heyse**, Paul. Kinder der welt: roman in sechs brüchere. Milwaukee, Wis., C. N. Caspar, 1889. 2 v., 365; 335 p. S. cl., $1.

Hobbs, C: A. An arithmetic for preparatory schools, high schools, and academies. N. Y., A. Lovell & Co., 1889. c. 10+343 p. D. cl, $1.

The author is master of mathematics in the Belmont School, Belmont, Mass. In the selection of illustrative examples, great care has been taken to present those which will make clear to the pupil all the difficulties he is liable to meet. The solutions are given in full in order that the principles involved may be clearly understood with but little aid from the teacher. The book has stood the test of the school-room, nearly every part of it having been used by the author in his classes.

Holmes, Oliver Wendell. The autocrat of the breakfast-table. [*New ed.*] Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1890 [1889.] c. '58–'89. 2 v., 11+203; 2+204–442 p. D. cl., $2.50.

An entirely new ed. from new plates, with engraved title-pages from designs by Mrs. Henry Whitman.

Home-making and house-keeping. N. Y., The Butterick Pub. Co., 1889. c. 2–398 p. D. (Metropolitan culture ser.) cl., $1.

A series of articles on: Heat and ventilation; Airing a house; The work of a household and its apportionment to servants; Mistress and servant; Teaching a servant; The housekeeper's calendar, specifying the work for each day in the week; The day of the wedding; Dinner à la Russe. Nine articles are devoted to the furnishing of as many houses; the other articles are entitled: Beds and bedding; Mirrors, curtains, pictures, etc.; Kitchens, pantries, and closets; Worrying mothers; Health in the household.

Houghton, *Mrs.* L. S. The Bible in picture and story. N. Y., American Tract Soc., [1889.] c. 240 p. il. sq. O. cl., $1.25.

The leading narratives of the Old and New Testaments, in simple language for children, profusely illustrated.

***Illinois.** Revised statutes, 1889; comprising the "revised statutes of 1874," and all amendments thereto, together with the general acts of 1875, '77, '79, '81, '82, '83, '85, '87, and '89, being all in force on the first day of Sept., 1889; Comp. and ed. by Harvy B. Hurd, Chic., Chicago Legal News Co., 1889. c. 14+1568 p. O. shp., $4.

Illustrated Catholic family annual for 1890; with calendars calculated for different parallels of latitude, and adapted for use throughout the United States. N. Y., Catholic Pub. Soc. Co., [1889.] c. 154 p. D. pap., 25 c.

***Ireland**, Alex. William Hazlitt: essayist and critic; selections from his writings, with a memoir, biographical and critical. N. Y., F: Warne & Co., 1889. 66+510 p. por. O. (Cavendish lib.) cl., $1.50.

Jackson, Margaret Crawford. A romance of to-day, ed., by Ja. Clarence Harvey. N. Y., J: W. Lovell Co., [1889.] c. 201 p. D. (American authors' ser., no. 2.) pap., 50 c.

Jerome, Irene E. A bunch of violets; gathered by Irene E. Jerome. [*Palatine ed.*] Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1888. c. '87. no paging, il. Q. pap., tied with chenille, $2.

Jerome, Irene E. In a fair country; [*also,*] Essays from "Outdoor papers," by T: Wentworth Higginson. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1890 [1889.] c. 99 p. obl. O. cl., $6; English seal, $10; tky. mor. or tree cf., $15.

Uniform in general appearance with Miss Jerome's previous works. Mr. Higginson's admirable text is illustrated by 55 full-page designs of flowers and birds and landscapes. The book is elegantly gotten up and bound in gold cloth.

Jewett, *Rev.* E: H. Diabolology: the person and kingdom of Satan. N. Y., T: Whittaker, 1889. c. 13+197 p. O. (The Bishop Paddock lectures, 1889.) cl., $1.50.

An examination of the oft-mooted, and frequently denied doctrine of a personal devil. As stated by the author in his preface, "These letters were written in the hope that they might contribute, in some degree at least, to the removal of error, and the firmer confirmation of faith in the important doctrines of which they treat." Although written primarily for the scholarly public, the style is simple, and the language clear and easily comprehensible by the ordinary reader. Where quotations are given as foot-notes in their original language, a translation is embodied within the text itself, and on the same pages.

Larrabee, *Rev.* E: A. The sacramental teaching of the Lord's prayer; with a preface by the Rt. Rev. G: F. Seymour. Milwaukee, Wis., The Young Churchman Co., 1889. c. 94 p. S. cl., 50 c.

Lloyd, Mary, *comp.* Ad lucem. N. Y., T: Y. Crowell & Co., [1889.] c. 4–149 p. T. cl., $1; flex. seal leath., $1.75.

A dainty little volume containing brief selections in prose and verse from St. Augustine, St. Chrysostom, Jeremy Taylor, Luther, Wordsworth, Clough, Longfellow, and others, for the consolation of the "afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate."

***Lost** dispatch (The). Galesburg, Ill., Galesburg Printing and Pub. Co., 1889. D. cl., $1.

Marston, *Mrs.* Mildred. Korno Siga, the mountain chief; or, life in Assam; with an introd., by Ja. M. Hoyt. Phil., The American S. S. Union, [1889.] c. 209 p. D. cl., 90 c.

Mrs. Marston was for twenty years a physician and medical missionary in Assam. This is a graphic narrative of her encounter with tigers, snakes, and ignorant savages, and of her efforts to carry the gospel to her sex in Assam.

***Massachusetts** reports. V. 148; W. V. Kellen, rep. Bost., Little, Brown & Co., 1889. O. shp., *net*, $3.25.

Mitchell, Donald G., ["Ik Marvel," *pseud.*] Dream-life: a fable of the seasons; with an etching by Percy Moran. [*Cameo ed.*] N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, 1889. c. '51 to '89. 19+258 p. S. cl., $1.25.

An entirely new ed. The front cover is adorned with a small cameo head set in the centre of the cloth. See also "Reveries of a bachelor," which is published uniform with this.

Mitchell, Donald G., ["Ik Marvel," *pseud.*] English lands, letters, and kings, from Celt to Tudor. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, [1889.] c. 9+327 p. D. cl., $1.50.

A series of familiar and informal talks about English literary people, and the ways in which they worked; also about the times in which they lived and the places where they grew up. The book is a combined chronicle and commentary, treating of English letters, the chief figures therein, the places associated with these—towns, castles, taverns, universities, their birth-places, haunts, and the various scenes through which they passed—and also of the succession of monarchs, the annals of whose reigns made up the history of the time. The style is particularly attractive, possessing the warmth and sympathetic sentiment of Ik Marvel's earlier writings.

Mitchell, Donald G., ["Ik Marvel," *pseud.*] Reveries of a bachelor; or, a book of the heart; with an etching by Percy Moran. [*Cameo ed.*] N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, 1889. c. '50 to '89. 19+259 p. S. cl., $1.25.

***Morehouse**, G: C. The supervisors' manual: a practical treatise on the law applicable to the duties of supervisors, from the date of their election to the end of their official term; also, the law relative to town bonds, railroad aid bonds, (etc.,) with the decisions of the courts and necessary forms up to Sept. 1, 1889. Alb., N. Y., H. B. Parsons, 1889. c. 9+894 p. O. shp., $4.

Murdock, Harold. The reconstruction of Europe: a sketch of the diplomatic and military history of Continental Europe, from the rise to the fall of the second French Empire; with an introduction by J: Fiske. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889. c. 34+421 p. D. cl., $2.

"This work, originally undertaken as a recreation, has been completed in its present form in the hope that it may serve the busy public as a helpful epitome of the events which have transformed the Europe of 1850 into the Europe of to-day, and also afford a clue to future events as foreshadowed by present complications. While no claim is made to extensive research, yet the works consulted are probably too numerous and voluminous to be perused by most people in the active pursuits of life. To attempt anything more than a sketch of events so recent, while political animosities still run high, and while so many of the principal actors are living, would be a task that few historical students would care to undertake. This book purports to be merely a running narrative, introducing the great leaders and noting the great convulsions of twenty-one years of contemporaneous European history."—*Preface.* A bibliographical note is appended, giving a list of works for the use of those who desire to go deeper into the subject.

Newcomb, G: B. Teaching school children to think: read at the meeting of the New York Society of Pedagogy, May 23, 1889. N. Y., Appleton & Co., [1889.] c. 22 p. D. pap., 10 c.

***New York.** Code of civil procedure; the twenty-two chapters in full, the different amendments in their proper sections, as in force on July 1, 1889, (etc.) N. Y. and Alb., Banks & Bros., 1889. c. 57+733+193 p. O. shp., $7.50.

***Northeastern** reporter, v. 21, cont. all the current decisions of the supreme courts of Mass., Ohio, Ind., Ill., and the court of appeals of N. Y. Permanent ed. May 17–Aug. 2, 1889; with tables of Northeastern cases pub. in v. 116–117, Ind. reports; 147, Mass. reports; 113, N. Y. reports. St. Paul, West Pub. Co., 1889. c. 15+1223 p. O. shp., $3.50.

One merrie Christmas-time. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1889. c. no paging, il. obl. Fe. bds., 75 c.

A Christmas souvenir; a combination of delicate designs and appropriate verse; on heavy ivory board, with rings and chains and ribbons.

***Oregon.** *Supreme court.* Reports of cases, Oct. term, 1888, and March term, 1889; W. H. Holmes, rep. V. 17. San Francisco, Bancroft-Whitney Co., 1889. c. 18+704 p. O. shp., $6.

Our baby's book. Bost., Lee & Shepard, [1889.] c. no paging, il. O. bds., tied with ribbons, $1.50.

The mother's record of the events in baby's life—birth, weight, coming of first tooth, etc. Printed in gold and colors.

Panin, Ivan. Lectures on Russian literature. Pushkin, Gogol, Turgenef, Tolstoy. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. c. 6+220 p. D. cl., $1.50.

Parshall, Nelson C. Proofs of evolution. Bost., The New Ideal Pub. Co., 1889. c. 285–316 p. D. (Modern science essayist, v. 1, no 12.) pap., 10 c.

Patten, Simon N. Malthus and Ricardo; [*also,*] The study of statistics, by Davis R. Dewey; [*also,*] Analysis in political economy, by W: W. Folwell. Balt., Md., American Economic Assoc., [J: Murphy & Co.,] 1889. c. 4–69 p. O. (Pub. of the American Economic Assoc., v. 4, no. 5.) pap., 75 c.

***Pennsylvania.** The new revenue act of Penn., and parts of acts still in force, levying taxes for state purposes; cont. also explanatory notes and references to all judicial decisions construing said acts; practical instructions to corporations as to making returns, and a summary of all the different state taxes which each class of corporations is required to pay; practical instructions to individual tax-payers as to making returns, and the different kinds of personal property which are and those which are not liable to the three mills tax; by Rufus E. Shapley. Phil., T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., 1889. c. 4+84 p. O. pap., $1.

Poe, Edgar Allan. The gold bug. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1888. 2+100 p. 1 il. Tt. (Literary gems, no. 1.) full mor., 75 c.

Quiet life (The): certain verses by various hands; the motive set forth in a prologue and epilogue by Austin Dobson; the whole adorned with numerous drawings by Edwin A. Abbey and Alfred Parsons. N. Y., Harper, 1890 [1889.] c. 5+97 p. F. leath., $7.50.

The motive of pictures and verses is to celebrate the charms of "the quiet life." The poems are selected and consist of "Prologue" by Austin Dobson; The garden, by Andrew Marvell; The wish, by Abraham Cowley; Quince, by W. M. Praed; The vicar, by W. M. Praed; Ode to solitude, by Alex. Pope; The married man, by an unknown author; To master Anthony Stafford, by T: Randolph; Epilogue, by Austin Dobson. Messrs. Abbey and Parsons' graceful and characteristic designs illustrating these poems appear on every page. The larger part of the book has appeared in *Harper's Magazine.*

Robinson, Harriet H. The new Pandora: a drama. N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1889. c. 151 p. D. cl., $1.

The scene is Greece, in the primeval age; the characters the first man and woman, their two children, and some of the Greek gods.

***Staël-Holstein,** *Mme.* A. L. G. N. (*Baronne*) *de.* Corinne; or Italy, tr. by Emily Baldwin and Pauline Driver. N. Y., F: Warne & Co., 1889. 394 p. por. D. $1.25.

***Stanley** library (The), 4 v. N. Y., F: Warne & Co., 1889. il. D. cl., $3.

Contents: The king's bell-tower, by R. Andre; The treasure finder, by W. J. Gordon; Jack Locke, by Dr. G. Stables; Ernest Fairfield, by the Rev. A. N. Malan.

Stockton, Frank R. Personally conducted; il. by Jos. Pennell, Alfred Parsons, and others. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, 1889. c. 5+240 p. O. cl., $2.

Mr. Stockton imagines himself personally conducting a party of young people through the older cities of Europe and pointing out to them their most salient sights. The first visit is to Avignon, the second to Genoa; from here the reader is taken successively to Pisa, Rome, Naples, Venice, Paris, London, and to the banks of the Rhine. The most famous points of these places, with the various historical and legendary stories attached to them, are described in a simple, interesting way, that cannot fail to impress young readers. Though Mr. Stockton cannot help at times being amusing, this is a serious attempt. The illustrations are many, and serve to elucidate the text.

Sunter, J. R. Hurrah! for the New Year, 1890. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1889. c. no paging, il. obl. Fe. bds., 75 c.

A calendar for 1890; printed in delicate tints on ivory card-board, with ribbon bows, silver chain and rings.

***Tait,** Ja. Selwin. Who is the man? a novel. N. Y., American News Co., 1889. D. pap. 25 c.

Talbot, Eleanor W. My lady's casket of jewels, and flowers for her adorning; il. by Eleanor W. Talbot. [*Palatine ed.*] Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1885. c. '84. no paging, il. obl. S. pap., tied with chenille, $1.50.

***Texas.** *Court of appeals.* Reports of cases during the latter part of the Austin term, 1888, and the entire Tyler term, 1888; rep. by Jackson and Jackson. V. 26. Austin, Hutchins Pr. House, 1889. c. 8+810 p. O. shp., $4.50.

Townsend, C: Early vows: a comedy in two acts. Chic., T. S. Denison, [1889.] c. 28 p. D. (Alta ser.) pap., 25 c.

Townsend, C: On guard: a farce in one act; with a description of the costumes, synopsis of the piece, cast of characters, entrances and exits, relative positions of the performers on the stage, etc. Chic., T. S. Denison, 1889. c. 11 p. D. (Amateur ser.) pap., 15 c.

***Walton, Izaak,** *and* Cotton, C: The complete angler. *New ed.*, with introd. by Ja. Russell Lowell; il. with 17 pl. and 74 wood-eng. Bost., Little, Brown & Co., 1889. 2 v., O. with pl. on India pap., *net*, $10; with pl. on Japan pap., *net*, $15.

Ward, *Rev.* Julius H. The church in modern society. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1889. c. 5+232 p. S. cl., $1.

This volume is a suggestive study of the part which the Christian Church has had in the institutional development of society, and of the position which it occupies and the work that lies before it, if it is to guide comprehensively and practically the social factors of modern life and keep them within its control. It is neither a denominational nor a speculative statement, but a candid discussion of questions which are in the air as they are regarded by those most conversant with them and most in sympathy with the trend of things. Mr. Ward has been a constant student of religious and social questions, and the aim of his book is to show how the Christian Church can be brought into closer contact with the whole of present life.

Waterman, Mary Bissell. Tangletop; or, a year with the girls at Locust Hill. Phil., The American S. S. Union, 1889. c. 3-351 p. D. cl., $1.35.

An attractive story, explaining away many of the doubts and perplexities that arise in the minds of young persons as to what a Christian is, and showing, by the daily life of the pupils of Locust Hill Cottage, how easy it is to lead a Christian life.

Wells, H: P. City boys in the woods; or, a trapping venture in Maine. N. Y., Harper, [1890] 1889. c. 7+277 p. il. O. cl., $3.

Two city boys, Dick Halsted and Harry Hildreth, had their hearts so set upon a hunting and trapping expedition in the Maine wilderness, that their fathers decided the best policy would be to fit them out properly, supply them with money, and let them go, trusting that the actual experience would cure them of their fancy for a trapper's life. After a good deal of roughing, and some thrilling adventures, the boys find themselves near the Maine wilderness, but without having yet caught anything. By an accident one day they lose supplies, money, and clothes, and are in despair, when they come upon the camp of an old hunter, Mr. John Dant. He is very kind to them, gives them shelter, and arranges for them to stay some time with him. They learn from him all about the arts of trapping and hunting, and the rough side of life in the woods.

***Whittlesey,** O. C. Spring buds and summer blossoms. Phil., J. B. Lippincott Co., 1889. D. cl., $1.50.

***Wisconsin,** Annotated statutes, cont. the general laws in force Oct. 1, 1889, also the reviser's notes to the revised statutes of 1858 and 1878, notes of cases construing and applying the constitution and statutes, and the rules of the county and circuit courts and of the supreme court, by Arthur L. Sanborn and J: R. Berryman. By authority. V. 1. Chic., Callaghan & Co., 1889. c. 18+1379 p. O. shp., $6.50.

Woolsey, S. C., ["Susan Coolidge," *pseud.*] A few more verses. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 257 p. T. cl., $1.

An entirely new collection, and a companion to the first volume, "Verses by S. C." They are very sweet and graceful, all characterized by a semi-religious vein.

Woolsey, S. C., ["Susan Coolidge," *pseud.*] Just sixteen. Bost., Roberts Bros., 1889. c. 304 p. il. S. cl., $1.25.

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"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

AN "APPEAL TO CÆSAR."

LAST spring Mr. A. D. F. Randolph addressed to a few of the leading houses in the general publishing trade a letter specifically asking them to consider such a change in the system of discounts as might stay the demoralization of the retail trade before the distributing system was further broken down. One or two houses did give the matter partial consideration, others made merely formal response, and still others did not answer. This fall, Mr. W. R. Jenkins has sent a circular letter to the leading school-book houses and has received replies from most of them, which have been printed in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY without names. These two eminent booksellers (experienced also as publishers) expressed the difficulties felt by hundreds of booksellers throughout the country.

The suggestions implied in their letters were not in the direction of any trust or agreement as to prices or any measure contrary to the general laws of trade. They simply suggested a return to the method of doing business which is at once rational and fair—the only obstacle in the way of which is the fear of each publisher that if he took the desired step, somebody else would get the better of him by not taking it.

But it is high time that the fact of the increasing demoralization should be faced by the great houses if they are to hold the leadership of the trade or if the trade is to be preserved from utter demoralization. Their one error, ever since the mistake made by the A. B. T. A. in 1876, has been in neglecting to rearrange business on the basis of the present actual prices of books, which are by no means the advertised retail prices. Notoriously, booksellers do not get "publishers' prices," but the public still hold to the superstition that they do, and consequently flock to the dry-goods stores where prices are supposed to be broken. The only way out is for the leading publishers to set the example of a sufficiently general reduction of retail prices to make the nominal price of books about what they are now actually sold for, and then to rearrange their lines of discount accordingly and stick to the new lines. Of course, there will be pressure again to increase the discount five per cent. here and two and one-half per cent there; to give discounts to individual purchasers who should not have them as well as to the trade who should. The millennium has not come, nor will business be without its difficulties even after such a reform has been put in practice. But the great firms will find it definitely to their advantage to revive the retail book trade in this way, and they will be building up instead of destroying their distributive machinery. In behalf of the retailers, we ask Messrs. Harper, Appleton, Scribner, Putnam, Houghton, Lippincott, and the other leading houses fairly entitled to be called the heads of the trade, to look into this matter carefully and fairly, and see if they cannot each for himself, or by common agreement, begin to right the system of the American book trade. With all these houses, the merest agreement or announcement will serve the purposes in question. Most of the advantage of the cheap publishers and the reason for the existence of dry-goods bazaars will be taken away. When the margin for breaking down prices is reduced by a common-sense measure like this, the public will be glad to pay the retail bookseller the slight profit he demands in return for the service he renders.

The school-book trade has reached close to the bottom level of retail prices. Nowhere in the world are books so good in text, so finely illustrated, so excellently made, sold at a lower price. The business is in its nature a wholesale one, where the competition is great and the prices very close. All the same, it costs something to handle this business locally, to distribute the books, particularly to supply single copies to scholars, and to keep a stock which should permit that supply to be prompt and sufficient. If a teacher runs a retail bookstore it must be at the expense of his teaching time. All that the retailers ask, as we understand it, is that so far as practicable this local handling of the books shall be done by them as local agents of the publisher. This would not interfere with the making of arrangements between publishers and schools direct, but would transfer to dealers the local handling and the kind of petty business which individual teachers now do. The simple way to accomplish this result is not to give to individual customers (teachers) the same discounts allowed to traders (retailers) who mass orders and do the local work of distribution. We suggest to Messrs. Appleton, Barnes, Ivison, Blakeman & Co., Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., and Harper & Bros., who do so large a part of the school-book business of the country, that they consider this

matter and set an example to the smaller houses who have already indicated their desire to follow.

WE learn from Mr. Caspar that the sale of at least 500 copies more of his Directory is required to recoup the expenses which he has incurred on behalf of the trade in compiling this work. This resembles the early experiences of Mr. Leypoldt in his battles on behalf of the trade. We have received from some quarters of the trade criticisms of the quality of his work as regards ratings, etc. Admitting that mistakes have been made, we are unable to see that they destroy or invalidate the great value of his work. As it stands, imperfections and all, the work is so much ahead of anything of this sort that has ever been attempted, that we hope that Mr. Caspar will receive such support from the trade as will authorize the issue of his book another year in the improved shape which a reissue will certainly take.

WE give elsewhere, as a matter of public interest, the proposition made by Messrs. Belford, Clarke & Co. to their creditors. No information is vouchsafed in this statement as to their actual assets and liabilities and actual standing, and the letter is practically a jaunty exhibit of "What are you going to do about it?"—very like that of the case of Mr. Geo. J. Swayne. The acceptance of such a compromise as that offered simply puts a premium on recklessness and everything else that is bad in business method, and is a knock-down blow to men who are trying to keep in business and pay their debts. The printers and paper-makers who have lent credit under such circumstances, and who, it is stated, agree to a compromise on this basis, may be in so bad a fix as to make it necessary for them to get what they can out of the ruin. But for publishers to set a concern on its feet again on such a basis as this, is to make a thrust in the back at every man who is trying to do business on the basis on which alone permanent success ought to be won —the payment of a hundred cents on the dollar.

THE SCHOOL-BOOK DIFFICULTIES: ANOTHER PUBLISHER REPLIES.

THE following is a delayed answer to Mr. W. R. Jenkins' letter, given in the issue of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY for September 28:

"We think all you say is reasonable, and we believe that we have (not seldom with considerable sacrifice to ourselves) made as much of a struggle as anybody in the trade to conform our practices to what the conditions manifestly call for.

"We, of course, are not the house to initiate a concerted movement in this matter. If the syndicates (to which we do not happen to belong) were to take it up, we would undertake to be as rigid as any regulations they might make, at least as long as they would be."

BELFORD, CLARKE & CO.'S PROPOSITION TO THEIR CREDITORS.

THE following is the text of the circular letter addressed to their creditors by Belford, Clarke & Co.:

NEW YORK, Oct. 16, 1889

In reference to the account owing you by Belford, Clarke & Co., we would say that about all the tangible property which the corporation owned has been attached by various creditors, leaving very little in the hands of the Receiver with which to pay the unsecured claims. In talking the matter over with the principal creditors it has been decided that two corporations be formed, one in New York, to be known as "Belford Company," and the other in Chicago, to be known as "Belford, Clarke Company." The principal attaching creditors in the East have agreed to release their attachments and put the property in the hands of "Belford Company," Belford Co. paying to the Eastern creditors twenty-five cents on the dollar in three, six, nine and twelve months; Belford, Clarke Company of Chicago settling with all Western creditors. Only for the leniency of the attaching and judgment creditors we would not be able to even offer that much. Of course you know how publishing property depreciates when the machinery is stopped.

Belford, Clarke Company of Chicago will be operated by Mr. Belford, Mr. Clarke and some new men who intend to put in fresh capital in the business. The Eastern business will be operated by Mr. Robert Belford, with the principal creditors having a say in its management until such time as the Eastern creditors receive their twenty-five per cent. We know that the offer is not a large one, but we think with the new capital that will go into the business that we will be able in the future to do a safe and large business, and trust that before long you will make enough off the two concerns to reimburse you for the loss made on Belford, Clarke & Company. The offer has already been accepted by unsecured creditors holding over ninety (90) per cent. of the liabilities.

We hope that you will accept this offer, as we assure you that it is the best possible thing that can be done. If the attaching and judgment creditors sell out under the sheriff, they will not get the amount of their judgment. If the offer is accepted, kindly sign the enclosed and send to Robert Belford, 22 East 18th Street, New York.

Yours very truly,
BELFORD, CLARKE & CO.,
Robert Belford.

THE PHI BETA KAPPA PRIZE COMPETITION FOR 1892.

THE National Council of the "Phi Beta Kappa Society," at its triennial meeting at Saratoga in September, appointed a committee to consider means of securing, in connection with the proposed national commemoration of the discovery of America in 1892, "a proper representation of the intellectual life of the American people, as manifested by their progress in science and literature." The committee was instructed especially to consider the preparation of a "monumental work," to comprise a series of monographs on the progress of our people, during the four centuries since the discovery by Columbus, in science and literature.

The committee was authorized to offer two prizes of $3000 each, "for the best general essays on the progress of science and literature respectively. Such essays to embrace a philosophical discussion of the development in the past and of the outlook for the future."

The committee appointed is a thoroughly competent and admirably representative one, its members being Bishop Henry C. Potter, chairman; President Eliot, of Harvard University; President Dwight, of Yale; President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins; President Adams, of Cornell; President Angell, of the University of Michigan, and President Northrup, of the University of Minnesota.

AWARDS TO AMERICAN PUBLISHERS AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

According to the *Journal Officiel de la République Française*, dated September 30, just received at this office, we find that the following American publishing houses have been awarded prizes for their exhibits at the Paris Exposition:

In the Department of Art, etc., L. Prang & Co. received a gold medal.

In the Department of Education, Instruction, etc., the *Grand Prix* (a Diploma of Honor, being the highest award) was won by the Johns Hopkins University.

Gold Medals:

Bardeen (C. W.), Syracuse, N. Y.
Barnes (A. S.) & Co., New York.
Ivison, Blakeman & Co., New York.
Lippincott (J. B.) & Co., Philadelphia.
Merriam (G. & C.) & Co., Springfield, Mass.

Silver Medals:

Ginn & Co., Boston.
Heath (D. C.) & Co., Boston.

In the Department of Printing, Publishing, and Bookselling, the *Grand Prix* was awarded to the Century Company.

Gold Medals:

Appleton (D.) & Co., New York.
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.
Lippincott (J. B.) & Co., Philadelphia.
Merriam (G. & C.) & Co., Springfield, Mass.

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Ivison, Blakeman & Co., New York.
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Lothrop (D.) Company, Boston.
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Williams (David), "

Bronze Medals:

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Fischel, Adler & Schwartz, "
Heath (D. C.) & Co., Boston.
Knox. (Thos W.), New York.
Poor (H. V. & H. W.), New York.
Stokes (F. A.) & Bro., "
Taintor Bros & Co., "

NOTES ON AUTHORS.

Friedrich Spielhagen is reported to be writing his autobiography. It is to be issued in instalments in a new German magazine.

Miss Kate Field, the author and lecturer, contemplates starting a journal. Her idea of the real journalist's duty is that he shape the thoughts of his generation, not to submit his own to be shaped by it.

Gustav Freytag, the novelist, will shortly publish a little work on the late Emperor Frederick, taken from his notes during the war, and his letters from the camp down to the election of the German Emperor.

Horatio Seymour, of Marquette, Mich., who was formerly State Engineer of New York, is preparing for publication the correspondence of Gov. Horatio Seymour, and desires to secure copies of letters not already in his possession.

Lafcadio Hearn, the author of "Chita," is both a Greek and an Englishman. He was born, in 1850, in Santa Maura, one of the Ionian Islands. His mother was a native Greek, and his father a surgeon in the British army. Mr. Hearn has for a long time made the United States his country by adoption.

M. Rénan is at work on the fourth volume of his "History of Israel." He is also correcting the proof-sheets of a new book to be entitled "The Future of Science." It is an essay entirely written as long ago as 1848, and deals, among other topics, with the theory of development subsequently enunciated by Darwin. In various other matters M. Rénan is shown to have anticipated subsequent discoveries in the fields of knowledge, and to have indicated the general direction to which science was tending. He has neither added to nor excised a single passage from his earlier essay, the only alterations introduced being those of style.—*Tribune.*

Lieutenant R. H. Fletcher, U. S. A., the author of "A Blind Bargain," has had an interestingly varied history. He is a son of Dr. Robert Fletcher, well known in connection with the library of the Surgeon-General's office, Washington, and the excellent bibliographical work done there. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1872, but was afterwards transferred into the army and for some years served on the Indian frontier as aide-de-camp to General Howard. Lieut. Fletcher was afterward detailed for service on the Pacific coast and was retired in 1887, "for disability contracted in the line of duty." He has since his retirement done more or less literary work, but "A Blind Bargain" is his first novel. In it his naval and army experiences are interestingly utilized. He now resides in San Franciso.

MR. GORDON L. FORD, of Brooklyn, has in press a number of interesting unpublished agreements between Washington and his overseers and workmen, throwing much light upon the management of his estates, as well as on the "labor question" of colonial Virginia. The agreements are copied from the originals in Washington's writing, and all date before the Revolution. In this volume will also be included a correspondence that Washington had in 1774 with a number of merchants and others concerning a scheme he entertained of importing German Palatines to settle upon his western lands, and one of Washington's advertisements for runaway servants. Very little of this material has been published heretofore, and "Washington as an Employer and Importer of Labor" will present a new phase of his character. The edition will be limited to 500 copies.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE next (November) number of the *Century* begins the twentieth year of the magazine with a notable number in which Jefferson's autobiography will begin; also novels by Frank Stockton and Amelia E. Barr. Among the contributors to this number will be Mark Twain, George Kennan, Walt Whitman, Col. Higginson, Aubrey de Vere, Brander Matthews, Judge Ernest Crosby, Margaret Deland, Dr. Huntington (of Grace Church, New York), W. J. Stillman, Nicolay and Hay, and Charles Henry Webb.

Sun and Shade, published by the Photo-Gravure Co., N. Y., has just concluded the first volume of a most successful year. Starting almost as an experiment, with a list of less than fifty subscribers, it has by dint of its excellency won for itself, as its publishers claim, a circulation of 4000 copies monthly. It is a novel undertaking in that it is simply a picture periodical without letterpress excepting a table of contents. In the next volume will be presented reproductions of leading pictures in the Metropolitan Museum of Art; portraits of prominent leading men, first among which will be one of Mr. W. H. Appleton, the senior of the firm of D. Appleton & Co., to be followed by one of Henry George; and reproductions of the works of American artists, whether painters, sculptors, or architects. The reproductions by whatever process are all of the very best quality. The subscription price is $4 per year.

OBITUARY NOTES.

SAMUEL ROCKWELL REED, author of "The War of 1886," "Woman, and other essays," and for years a noted editorial writer on the Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, over the signature "S. R. R.," died on the 6th inst. on the steamer *Lahn*, on the way over to Europe. He intended to take a European tour for his health.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

ANSWER TO NO. 1—The Journal of the Society of Bibl. Lit. is henceforth to be published by a committee of three—Prof. J. H. Thayer, of Cambridge; Rev. L. H. Cobb, Bible House, N. Y.; and Prof. Geo. F. Moore, Andover, Mass. The publications of the Society are in charge of Prof. C. R. Bunn, Newton Centre, Mass. W. F. D.

NOTES ON CATALOGUES.

GEORGE P. HUMPHREY, 25 Exchange St., Rochester, N. Y., has issued a neat catalogue of 376 books in various branches of literature. The titles are given in full and frequently annotated. (No. 21, 32 p., 16°.)

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & CO. have issued an index to their *Atlantic Monthly* covering the years 1857 to 1888. A brief history of the magazine prefaces the volume, which is handsomely printed and bound in green cloth.

JAMES POTT & CO., Astor Place, N. Y., have just issued a catalogue of the theological and miscellaneous literature published and imported by them. It contains as a frontispiece a view of the interior of their handsome and cosey retail department. (32 p., sq. 8°.)

THE LIBRARY BUREAU, 146 Franklin St., Boston, have issued a neat illustrated catalogue of the Card Index outfits manufactured only by the Bureau. These outfits will be found useful and convenient by others than librarians—by business men, all, in fact, who have to keep lists of addresses that are subject to frequent changes, by banks, railways, and others. (32 p., 8°.)

WM. EVARTS BENJAMIN, 6 Astor Place, N. Y., has sent us a batch of catalogues, foremost among which is, of course, his new list of Autograph Letters (No. 26). The catalogue describes an interesting collection of strictly authentic manuscripts, with the signatures of their authors. (16 p., sq. 8°.) The other catalogues are one of Standard Books at reduced prices (No. 23, 24 p., 8°); Daintie Foode for Booke-Wormes," a selection of rare and desirable books (No. 24, 4 p., 8°); and a supplement of 16 pages to the *Book-Lover* for September, containing a collection of good books.

Catalogues of New and Second-Hand Books.—U. P. James, 151 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, American history, general and local. (No. 34, 32 p., 8°.)—E. W. Johnson, 1336 Broadway, N. Y., Scarce and interesting books, including some American. (No. 10, 12 p., 8°.)—Lea Bros. & Co., 706 Sansom St., Phila., Medical and surgical publications, classified and indexed. (32 p., 8°.)—Lockwood & Coombes, 275 Fifth Ave., N. Y., Rare and curious second-hand books, American and foreign—neatly printed and very fully annotated. (No. 9, 24 p., 16°.)

BUSINESS NOTES.

NEW YORK CITY.—The International News Company have removed to 83 and 85 Duane Street, one door east of Broadway.

PERU, NEB.—W. C. Purviance, bookseller, has sold out.

PINE BLUFFS, ARK.—Miller & Co., booksellers, have sold out.

RIVERTON, NEB.—David Eastwood, bookseller, is closing out his business.

SPENCER, IA.—Henry Cardell, bookseller and stationer, has sold out.

TEMPLE, TEX.—W. Haas, bookseller, has sold out.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.—Fitts Brothers, booksellers, have been succeeded by Charles Fitts.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

J. E. MUNSON, Tribune Building, N. Y., has reprinted his important "Phonographic Phrase-Book," which has long been out of print.

"AN APPEAL TO PHARAOH," recently published by Fords, Howard & Hulbert, we understand, is making much discussion, especially at the South, leading papers treating it editorially on repeated occasions.

CASSELL & CO. have published in their *Sunshine Series* a remarkably interesting story entitled "The Lost Inca," by the Inca Pancho-Ozollo. The descriptions in this story of Peru and Lake Titacaca are all real and as seen by the author, long a resident of Peru.

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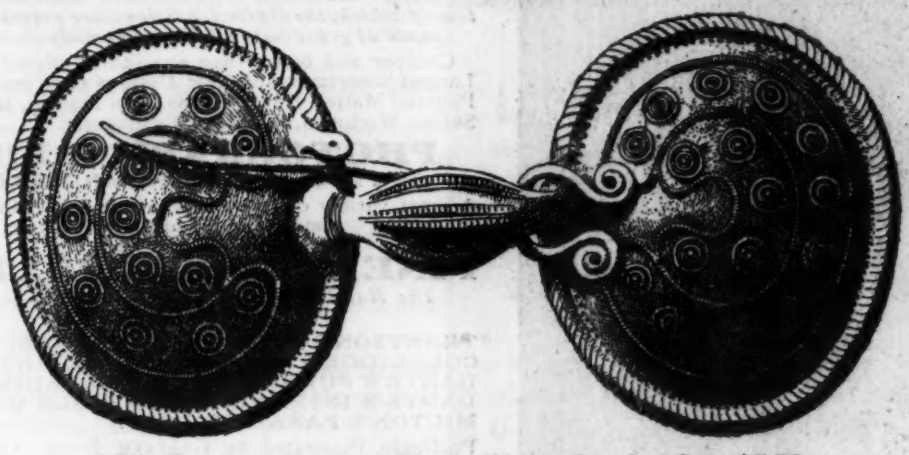

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